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Hon. Mary Nichols, Chairperson
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
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RE: Application for Proposition 1B Funds for Shore power at the Port of Oakland

Dear Chairperson Nichols and Members of the Committee:

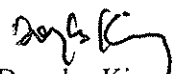
MTC supports the application submitted by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), in partnership with the Port of Oakland, for granting the maximum amount of Proposition 1B funds for shore power at the Port of Oakland. Shore power is critical to both cleaning up the air in support of healthy communities and sustaining revenues at the Port to ensure continued delivery of economic benefits to the region and State.

MTC urges you to support and fund this important Goods Movement Emission Reduction infrastructure project. MTC applauds the maritime industry for its plans to spend up to \$1 billion to retrofit their vessels to plug into the power grid when docked. Proposition 1B funds will provide critical funding for the Port of Oakland to meet the largely unfunded expenses for land-side improvements at an estimated cost of \$114 million.

This project is consistent with the Port of Oakland Maritime Air Quality Improvement Plan (MAQIP), which was developed by multiple stakeholders and established the Port's goal of reducing health risk from diesel pollution by 85% from seaport sources by 2020. These stakeholders included CARB and the BAAQMD as well as other agency, customer, community and non-governmental agencies (NGOs). Shore power was identified as a critical project to reduce emissions from one of the largest sources of diesel pollution in the port area – supporting healthy communities and the Northern California economy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We urge you to support and fund land-side shore power improvements at the Port of Oakland.

Sincerely,


Douglas Kimsey
Planning Director

cc: Hon. Ronald V. Dellums, Mayor, City of Oakland
President Victor Uno and Oakland Board of Port Commissioners
Omar R. Benjamin, Executive Director, Port of Oakland

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